

### 3.9.3.2 Places of Religious or Cultural Significance

The NRC invited interested tribes to investigate any area within the 4,282 ha [10,580-ac] Dewey Burdock license area during the month of April 2013.

#### 3.9.3.2.1 Overview

Physical landforms and landscape features within the APE that might possess cultural significance include (SRI, 2012):

Examples of man-made features and site types located within the APE that might be considered places of religious and cultural importance to the Northern Plains tribes (SRI, 2012):

#### 3.9.3.2.2 Tribal Cultural Survey Results

These tribes included the Northern Arapaho Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Crow Nation, and Santee Sioux Tribe.

A summary of each tribe's recommendations is provided in Appendix F. A detailed list of sites identified during the tribal cultural survey with management recommendations is included as Attachment 2 of Appendix F.

The tribal survey teams identified new artifact features or cultural features of interest to tribes at 24 known archaeological sites. In addition, 47 new artifact features and cultural features were identified. The locations of these represent 71 tribal sites. A number of the 47 new discoveries identified by tribes are situated near the boundaries of known archaeological sites and could reasonably be considered part of those sites if the current archaeological site boundaries were expanded to include them. Other new discoveries occur in close proximity to one another and may be culturally related.

#### Tribal Review of Previously Reported Archaeological Sites

##### Tribal Sites: New Discoveries

A total of 47 new discoveries were recorded as a result of the tribal cultural survey (Table 3.9-6).

Twelve (12) of the 47 newly discovered cultural features were identified outside the license boundary.

Thirty-five (35) of the 47 new discoveries were identified within the project's license boundary. Ten (10) of these tribal sites were recommended as NRHP-eligible under one or more eligibility criteria.

TS006, a gravesite, is recommended as eligible under Criteria A, C, and D.

### 3.9.3.3 Visual Impacts Assessment

#### APPENDIX F

##### SUMMARY REPORT REGARDING THE TRIBAL CULTURAL SURVEYS COMPLETED FOR THE DEWEY-BURDOCK URANIUM IN-SITU. RECOVERY PROJECT

##### Tribal Cultural Survey Participants

Eleven tribes expressed interest in the survey offer and were able to participate in the field survey (Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Santee Sioux Tribe, Northern Arapaho Tribe, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Crow Nation, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma).

Five tribes did not reply to the invitation (Omaha Tribe, Lower Sioux Indian Community, Fort Peck Tribes, Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe). Six tribes declined to participate in the field survey or stated they were unable to participate due to other commitments, but expressed continued interest in participating in consultation for the project (Three Affiliated Tribes, Lower Brule Tribe, Ponca Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Pawnee Nation, Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe). Four tribes declined to participate based on stated concerns about the survey approach (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Yankton Sioux Tribe). The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe specifically stated that survey invitation did not provide or allow for an appropriate survey methodology. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe stated that it was "not in favor of the offer as set by Powertech nor is Rosebud interested in conducting a survey on the APE

#### Survey Dates and Survey Methods

Table F-1. Summary of Tribal Cultural Survey Activity and Participation During April-May 2013

#### Summary of Tribal Survey Reports

Summary of the Tribal Cultural Survey Findings and Tribal Recommendations

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Table F-2 Summary of Tribal Recommendations for Recorded Archaeological sites

Attachment 1

Document for public disclosure

Note that there is a confidential report

ATTACHMENT 2

F-4. List of Properties Recorded and Reviewed by the Tribal Cultural Survey